

Old Slater Mill

Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket

Pawtucket, “the place of the waterfalls,” has been called the birthplace of America’s industrial revolution. If so, then this mill is its cradle. Samuel Slater, who perfected the country’s first successful water-powered spinning machine in 1790, helped build the first unit of this mill three years later. It became the country’s first successful cotton mill, which launched the textile industry, and was enlarged again and again over the years. The mill was restored in 1924 and is now open as a living history museum.